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SBA ANNOUNCES SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS WINNERS FOR 2004

FARGO – In recognition of the small business community's contributions to the American economy and society, the President of the United States designates one week each year as National Small Business Week. Small Business Week 2004 is May 9-15, 2004.

The U. S. Small Business Administration, in partnership with public and private sector small business supporters, will sponsor special activities honoring the entrepreneurs at the local, state and national levels.

Small Business Person of the Year

**Anton (Tony) Welder
Dakota Pharmacy, Bismarck**

**Entrepreneurial Success Award
(Wins State and Regional Award)**

**Brent Seifert
GFK Flight Support, Grand Forks**

Young Entrepreneur of the Year

**Jeff Tellman, President
The Red Pepper, Grand Forks**

Small Business Research Advocate

**Dr. Gerald H. Groenewold, Director
Energy and Environmental Research Center
Grand Forks**

Minority Small Business Advocate

**Dwight Slotto, Director of Contract Operations
Minot Air Force Base, Minot**

Financial Services Advocate

**Robert Humann
Bank of North Dakota, Bismarck**

Women In Business Advocate

**Denise Spanjer, Technology Education
Administrator
Women & Technology, Bismarck**

Small Business Journalist

**Tom Dennis, Editor
Grand Forks Herald, Grand Forks**

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